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Memorandum

To: Assistant Area Mining Supervisor, Carlsbad, New Mexico
Through: Area Geologist, Roswell, New Mexico *(initials)*
From: Albuquerque Geologist
Subject: Anaconda Jackpile-Paguate Mining and Reclamation Plan

The mining and reclamation plan covers Anaconda's existing and proposed uranium mines associated with the Laguna Indian Reservation, Valencia County, New Mexico. The geology section of the plan is well written and comprehensive. There should be no operational or legal conflicts with other mineral resources. Only small, thin, discontinuous coal beds are found in the Dakota Sandstone and the area presently has minimal oil and gas potential. No significant geologic hazards are known to exist in the area.

Anaconda's past operating record combined with the proposed plans suggests that uranium will continue to be mined in an efficient, safe, environmentally sound manner.

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